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GENERAL: Another week of favorable fall harvest weather allowed good field dry down and excellent harvest progress, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and grain sorghum harvest continued at a greater than normal pace as the fall harvest season winds down. While the drier conditions benefitted fall harvest, concern was growing about soil moisture supplies needed for next years crops. Other producer activities included fall field work and moving cattle to stalk fields.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged about seven degrees above normals in the western half of

the State and nine to twelve degrees above normals in the eastern half. Precipitation was mostly limited to scattered trace amounts in the southwestern and lower Panhandle areas.

CROPS: **Corn** harvest progressed to 94% complete, a pace now surpassing the five-year average. This compares with 96% last year and 90 average.

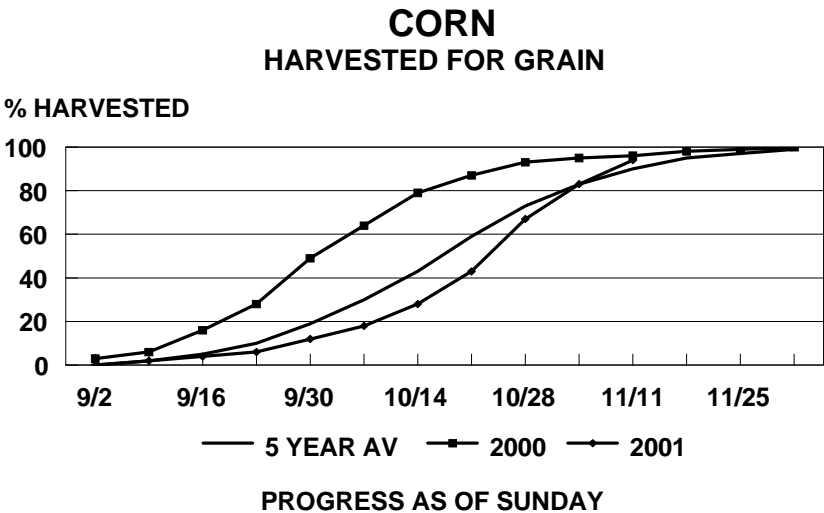
Sorghum harvest also progressed well last week with 97% cut to date. Last year, at this time, harvest was complete with the five year average rated at 91% complete.

Wheat condition declined and rated 1% very poor, 5 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 6 excellent. The recent warm, dry weather has stressed some wheat fields.

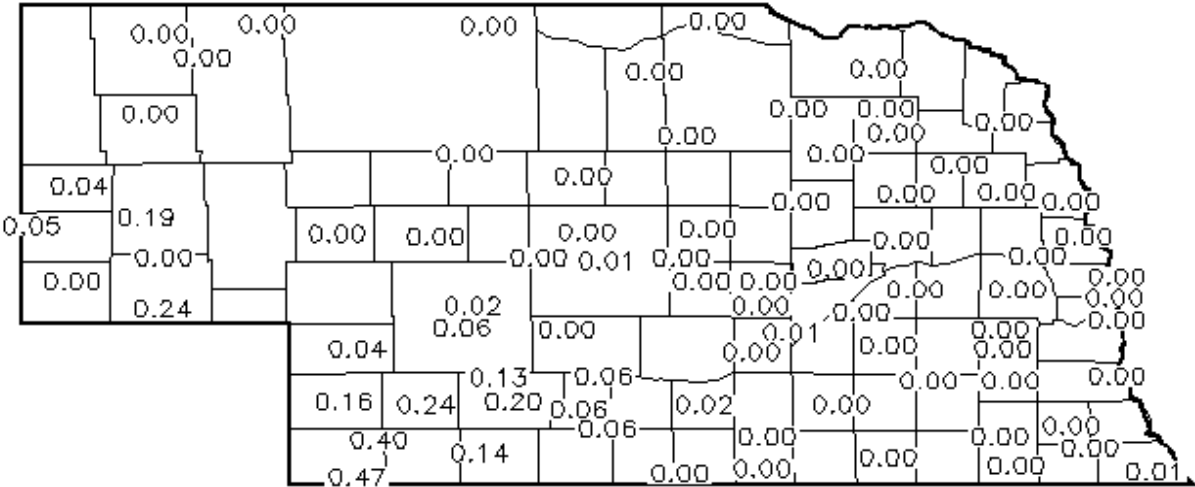
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	76	92	95	94	97	91	97	95	94	83	96	90
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	94	99	92	97	92	98	97	97	91	100	91
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	3.1	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	12	61	14	14	23	17	6	3	25	13	8	
- % Short	49	30	60	53	39	35	31	22	40	35	32	
- % Adequate	39	9	26	33	38	48	63	75	35	52	56	
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	12	58	4	12	28	11	15	5	23	10	44	
- % Short	38	28	50	46	40	41	20	26	37	37	39	
- % Adequate	50	14	46	42	32	48	65	69	40	53	17	
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

n/a = not available.



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - November 11 2001 ¹							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.00	.00	.00	.00	.21	.03	.00
Total since April 1	14.16	20.46	27.42	19.86	23.32	17.27	22.51	32.40
Normal since April 1	14.14	18.46	21.57	20.12	23.82	16.96	20.17	25.02
Total as % of normal	99%	110%	127%	98%	97%	101%	111%	128%

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2001

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	79	14	47	---
	Scottsbluff	78	13	46	+6
	Sidney	77	16	48	---
NC	Valentine	83	17	46	+8
NE	Norfolk	77	29	53	+12
	Sioux City	77	23	52	+11
CEN	Grand Island	76	27	53	+11
	Ord	78	15	49	---
EC	Lincoln	77	25	52	+9
	Omaha	75	30	52	+ 9
SW	Imperial	76	21	48	---
	North Platte	75	14	46	+7